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School Advisory Council Agenda

The School Advisory council's primary purpose is the fostering of faith development and the advancement of the school community, in accordance with the Bylaws and school's mission statement. ***Our Mission is to inspire and empower all learners to become the person God intends by integrating Catholic Virtues, Prayer and Service with 21st Century Learning.***

September 22, 2015

6:00-7:45

SAC Members in Attendance: Paul David, Opal Ehalt, Lonnie Fette, Trevor Jager, Bob Leuthner, Bruce Richards, Dave Schwob, Catherine Seck, Becky Tinucci and Karyn Willenbring

Ad Hoc: Lisa Haran (Finance Council) and Rebecca Sonnek (Parish Council)

- I. 6:00 Dinner in the School Commons
- II. 6:25 Discipleship Prayer (encouraged to continue to pray). Fr. Bennet addresses all councils on Mission and Vision Statement and 7 traits of a successful and growing parish.
- III. 6:35-7:05 Each council brainstormed and shared Action Steps for St. Joseph Mission and Vision Statement. SAC members worked on action steps to use within the school. All ideas were compiled and will be reviewed at by Parish Council.
- IV. 7:05-7:15 Parent Night feedback
 - a. What did you like?
 - a. Smart Lab session
 - b. PowerPoint with clear vision, helpful information and Bruce's ENTHUSIASUM
 - c. Molly's Art Video was a great way to share art curriculum. Could other specialists share in their own creative way.
 - d. Helpful to have curriculum out in classrooms for parents to reference
 - e. Noticed Grades 4-7 have consistency in curriculum
 - f. Parents only
 - b. What could we improve?
 - a. Difficult for parents of several children to see all teachers, especially specialists



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- b. Some felt teachers were rushed - suggestions: all use same format, notes for take home and on website, share new/key items, possibly extend 30 min.

V. 7:15-7:30 Discussion about our New Families

- a. Dinner Oct. 11th here at the school - shared ideas for evening format
 - a. Small groups, frequently asked questions, Q&A format, storytelling
 - b. Kid activity ideas - STEM activity at each table, dessert activity, include older kids
- b. Shepherd families
 - a. Catherine shared communication so far with new families, directory of new families
 - b. Catherine working with Jackie Nordick to create guide book for shepherd families to use by Oct. 11
 - c. Shepherd families will be matched with new families by Oct. 11 dinner
- c. Survey for families ~ what factors influenced decision to attend St. Joseph School
 - a. Catherine working with Paul Kohls to create survey to be used at Oct. 11 dinner
- d. Marketing for 2016-17
 - a. Lots of positive talk about St. Joe's Smart Lab in community
 - b. Look into Real Estate websites and update/rate and have parents share comments
 - c. Paul shared Marketing Committee is working on a marketing plan for the year
 - d. Tours - continue for new parishioners/families, invite grandparents for tours

VI. 7:30-8:00 What's the next right answer for St. Joseph School - including thoughts for Boogie Blast's Fund-A-Need

- A. 1-year from now where should we be? 3-years? 5-years?
 - a. Kim Heur and Amy Gallus starting K-4 after school club in Smart Lab with intentions to grow program. Utilize parish members with experience and knowledge.
 - b. Renee Fette leading new committee for Mother/Daughter Science Events with guest speakers. Committee is seeking parish and community women in engineering/science fields.
 - c. Suggestion for Faith Formation to use Smart Lab as another way to draw in community



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- B. Special services desired? (speech, special ed teachers, gifted ed?)
 - a. *not discussed*
- C. School-yard layout changes? (playground, sports fields, prayer gardens)
 - a. Lonnie talking to Athletic board about options
 - b. Ideas - Move playground, create soccer field
- D. Service to our community needs to be addressed - focus on Corporal Works of Mercy
 - a. K-4 program good
 - b. Grades 5-8 needs a new consistent service program
 - i. Students create/implement projects - example of Snow Angels given by Paul
- E. School year calendar changes(summer opportunities, ESY)
 - a. Option to consider ESY
 - b. Community classes in Smart Lab (summer programs, days off of school)

VII. Closing prayer and meeting adjourned 8:00

VIII. Next meeting -

IX. SAC Member to attend Parish Council meetings - Catherine Seck/Karyn Willenbring